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PHOENIX FELON SENTENCED TO 77 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF HANDGUN

PHOENIX – Paul K. Charlton, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Lester D. Martz, Special Agent in Charge for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced that on June 13, 2005, Alvin Ray Lee, 48, of Phoenix, was sentenced here to 77 months prison by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone.

On May 27, 2004, near 67th Avenue & Osborn, two Phoenix Police officers stopped Lee's car after they witnessed his erratic driving that nearly caused two separate accidents with other vehicles. When the officers requested Lee to exit his car, they saw that he reached back to pull a handgun out of the small of his back. At that time one of the officers drew his service firearm and ordered Lee to drop the handgun. Lee dropped the handgun and was arrested. Lee subsequently pleaded guilty on October 26, 2004, to the charge of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(1). This is Lee's fifth felony conviction, which include Aggravated Assault and Conspiracy to Sell Narcotic Drugs.

This prosecution is a result of the Arizona's Project Safe Neighborhoods, a partnership headed by U.S. Attorney Paul Charlton of federal, state, and local agencies which cooperate in a unified offensive against gun crime. The ultimate goal of Project Safe Neighborhoods is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Phoenix Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Michael Lee, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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